

IN THE CLAIMS

This is a "complete and current listing of the claims, marked with status identifiers in parentheses. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Original) Filter module comprising:

- a housing with a first open end and a second open end;
- membrane holders which are arranged in the housing for the purpose of containing membranes which extend substantially between the first open end and the second open end, wherein the membrane holders are arranged on the inner wall of the housing.

2. (Original) Filter module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the membrane holders comprise a number of elongate sides which are mutually connected via the longitudinal sides.

3. (Original) Filter module as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least two longitudinal sides of a membrane holder can be disconnected from each other in order to bend open the membrane holder.

4. (Currently Amended) Filter module as claimed in claim ~~2 or 3~~, wherein, at least one of the elongate sides comprises a channel extending in lengthwise direction.

5. (Currently Amended) Filter module as claimed in ~~any of the claims 2-4~~ claim 2, wherein the elongate sides are at least partially perforated.

6. (Currently Amended) Filter module as claimed in ~~any of the claims 2-5~~ claim 2, wherein spacers are arranged on the elongate sides to ensure a predetermined distance between membrane holders.

7. (Currently Amended) Filter module as claimed in ~~any of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, wherein the membrane holders are arranged on the inner wall of the housing ~~by means of~~ via at least one coupling means ~~device~~.

8. (Currently Amended) Filter module as claimed in claim 7, wherein the at least one coupling means ~~device~~ comprises at least one rib extending in lengthwise direction and the membrane holders comprise at least one groove extending in lengthwise direction.

9. (Currently Amended) Filter module as claimed in claim 7, wherein the at least one coupling means ~~device~~

comprises at least two ribs extending in lengthwise direction, and at least one membrane holder is provided on either side with grooves extending in lengthwise direction, wherein the distance between the grooves is substantially equal to the distance between the ribs.

10. (Original) Filter module comprising:

- a housing with a first open end and a second open end;
- membrane holders which are arranged in the housing for the purpose of containing membranes which extend substantially between the first open end and the second open end, wherein the membrane holders lie against each other and against the inner wall.

11. (Currently Amended) Method for assembling a filter module ~~as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, which the~~ method ~~comprises the steps of~~ comprising:

- providing an assembling device which comprises a number of elongate basic elements hingedly connected to each other in longitudinal direction;
- providing membrane holders;
- filling the membrane holders with membranes;
- arranging the filled membrane holders slidably on the basic elements;

- folding together the arranged membrane holders;

and

- sliding the filled membrane holders from the basic elements into the filter housing.

12. (New) Filter module as claimed in claim 3, wherein at least one of the elongate sides comprises a channel extending in lengthwise direction.

13. (New) Filter module as claimed in claim 3, wherein the elongate sides are at least partially perforated.

14. (New) Filter module as claimed in claim 12, wherein the elongate sides are at least partially perforated.

15. (New) Filter module as claimed in claim 14, wherein spacers are arranged on the elongate sides to ensure a predetermined distance between membrane holders.

16. (New) Filter module as claimed in claim 15, wherein the membrane holders are arranged on the inner wall of the housing via at least one coupling device.

17. (New) Filter module as claimed in claim 16, wherein the at least one coupling device comprises at

least one rib extending in lengthwise direction and the membrane holders comprise at least one groove extending in lengthwise direction.

18. (New) Filter module as claimed in claim 16, wherein the at least one coupling device comprises at least two ribs extending in lengthwise direction, and at least one membrane holder is provided on either side with grooves extending in lengthwise direction, wherein the distance between the grooves is substantially equal to the distance between the ribs.

19. (New) Method for assembling a filter module as claimed in claim 1, the method comprising:

- providing an assembling device which comprises a number of elongate basic elements hingedly connected to each other in longitudinal direction;
 - providing membrane holders;
 - filling the membrane holders with membranes;
 - arranging the filled membrane holders slidably on the basic elements;
 - folding together the arranged membrane holders;
- and
- sliding the filled membrane holders from the basic elements into the filter housing.

20. (New) Method for assembling a filter module as claimed in claim, 10, the method comprising:

- providing an assembling device which comprises a number of elongate basic elements hingedly connected to each other in longitudinal direction;
 - providing membrane holders;
 - filling the membrane holders with membranes;
 - arranging the filled membrane holders slidably on the basic elements;
 - folding together the arranged membrane holders;
- and
- sliding the filled membrane holders from the basic elements into the filter housing.